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〇発明の名称 パンツ型使い捨ておむつ

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明期野

#### 1、発明の名称

パンツ里使い換ておむつ

#### 2、特許請求の題題

- 1. 液体透過性の製面シートと複体不透過性の製面シートと複体不透過性の製面シートと複体不透過性の製面を形成でする。
  中級弾性体が配置されたパンツが使い捨ておむった。
  おいて、前記表面シート、裏面シート、吸水体からなおむつ本体の収方向両端がに、 強水体シートに伸駆弾性体を張設したウェストバンを観えたことを特徴とするパンツ型使い物でおむつ。
- 2. 庭水性シートからなるウエストバンドが伸縮性 不威布である時以項 7 起版のパンツ型使い捨てお むつ。
- 3. 疎水性シートからなるウエストパンドが、伸絡 性不顧布を伸張状態にして他の不健布、透温性 フィルムと貼合したものである請求項1記載のパ ンツ型使い捨ておむつ。
- 4. 疏水性シートからなるウエストバンドの懸周囲 方向に诋殺された仲昭弾性体が、複数本で引つ前

記被図本の神磁弾性体のうちの超圏を倒容りに位置する少なくとも1本が、股ギャザーを形成する种権弾性体と丁寸状义は十字状を形成するように近接あるいは交叉して設けられている請求項1.2 2 又は3 記載のパンツ製便い捨ておむつ。

- 5. 吸収体の取方向質疑部近例で接する裏面シート よに、伸組弾性体を設けた調求項1記収のパンツ 型使い捨ておむつ。
- 6. 表面シートの核方向資優フラップ配に、買水性 不順布が退股されている原求項 1 記載のバンツを 使い捨ておむつ。

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1 記載のパンツ型使い捨ておむつ。

### 3. 発明の詳細な説明

#### [游戏上の利用分野]

水発射は神筋性と遊気性を有し、具つ体型に フィットして、はき心地の良いパンツ型使い物で おむつに関する。

#### [ 従来の技術]

従来パンツ型に形成された使い捨ておむつは知 られている。

パンツ配使い捨ておむつは、 普通の使い捨ておむつから洗って 融返し使用できるパンツへの移行 即四中に使用されるほか、大人の失禁用、病人用などにも使用される。

例えば、特別的53-19246号公園には、使い捨ての下ばきを形成するのに適した伸縮性のあるい。 ではきを形成するのに適した伸縮性のあるい。 では、特別的57-77304月公園にはクエストの部のでは 性間切が付設され、ウエストの側部から同口の はびる結合節は重ねることとなりである。 いまてのおしめブリーフ及びロール状の裏面シー

ツ材に延伸状態で連続した弾性部材を接着する工程、吸湿性の当て布を付設する工程、 表面シートをその上に似ねる工程と同口部を形成して反手軸 強に治って折り異ねて、 歯別のブリーフに 宿着、 切断するブリーフの製造方法が関示されている。

### [発明が解決しようとする理題]

しかしながら、従来のパンツ型使い捨ておむつ は、普通の使い捨ておむつのように、前後の倒程 即を閉鎖するための止着テープが付担されてあっ

見を切て本発明を完成するに至った。

#### [課題を解決するための手段]

本発明は前記疎水性シートからなるウエストバンドが伸縮性不順布である前にバンツ型便い捨て おむつである。

本発明は前記録水性シートからなるウエストバンドが、 卵筋性不緩布を伸張状態にして他の不履布、 透過性フィルムと貼合したものである前記パシツ型使い捨ておむつである。

本見明は前記録が性シートからなるウエストバンドの暦周囲方向に伸張状態で接着された伸編弾性体が、複数本で月つ前記複数本の伸縮弾性体の

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うちの股間が倒容りに位置する少なくとも1本が、 取ギャザーを形成する神経領性はと下学状又は十 学状を形成するように近接めるいは交又して設け られている同説パンツ型側い捨ておむつである。

本発明は前記吸収体の最方向海路部近傍で接する東面シート上に、 仲級型性体を設けた前記パンツ型をい捨ておむつである。

本 我明 は 们 記 表 面 シート の 機 方 向 画 側 部 フ ラ ップ 郎 に 、 選 水 性 不 践 布 が 建 設 さ れ て い る 前 記 パ ンツ 型 便 い 均 て お む つ で ある 。

るように近接めるいは交叉して設けられる点に特 徴がある。

このほか本発明のパンツ型使い捨ておむつにおいては、 版ギャザーによる大闘巫の婦付け 補助として、 ウエストパンドの神窮弾性体の散を抵与し、その代わりに吸収体の概方向減収歴近済の更面シートと捨する型分に、 関面シート上に神論弾性 なを設けることができる。

以下本発明の異成について説明する。

本発明でいうパンツ型使い捨ておむつとは、使い捨ておむつから普通のパンツに移行するまでの 幼児用及びおとな用の矢禁防止、肉人などに用い られるパンツが使い捨ておむつを槍称する。

このようなウエストバンドは、前記例示の先行 技術を含めて建来見られないものである。

また、本発明のパンツ型使い捨ておむつは、 ウエストパンドの複数の伸縮弾性体のうちの股間型 関番りに位置する少なくとも1本が股ギャザーを 形成する伸縮弾性体とて字状又は十字状を形成す

また、曳面シートの対象フラップ部に収扱の頭水性不順布を遅設させることができる。

#### [実題例]

以下本発明の安施例を示す。

第1月は本発明のパンツ型使い物でおむつの完成品の実施的を示す料視的である。身体に指触する表面シート1と内蔵する吸収体3と裏面シート2からなるおむつ本体の収力向海畑郎に、本見明の特徴である別体のウエストパンドWが設けられている。ウエストパンドWの上部間隔側には腫児

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則ギャザー用作総弾性体5、下部には6がそのではなり、下部には6がそのではなり、下部になるができません。そのではなりではないではないではないではないではないでは、2、はないではないではないではないではないではない。またないではないではないではないでは、4が内部にはけられている。

第1 関の完成されたパンツ型使い捨ておむつの 成関平面図が第2 図で、表面シート 1 の下方を切 欠いて内部が見えるようにしている。

このようにすることにより、最周囲はウエスト

水性不臓布或いはウレタン裏胞などからなる伊紹性不験布又は神秘性不能布を伊弘状態で一般の不識布と貼合した疎水性シートを用いることができる。また、疎水性不嫌布の間にウレタン不能布などの伊雅性不顧布を伊張状態で貼着してもよい。

第3回は第2回の本年時のパンツ型を拡大を関する。 では、カートのでは、カードをは、カード

ウエストバンドは邦3回のように二つ折(第5回に租金回を示す)にしてもよいし、第6回のように健水性シート2枚を伸縮弾性体5.6を挟んで重ね合せてもよい。

割4回は第2回の8-B 20分拡大断面図を示し、2011年10日を保住は4.4の位置を示したものである。

伸縮弾性体は図では、糸状ゴムを用いているが、

パンドWの伸縮弾性体も、5により充分にフィットし、腰周囲と大幅配局的ギャザー兼用の伸縮弾性体 6、6は設ギャザー用や縮弾性体 4、4でカバーし切れない部分をフィットさせる効果がある。

本発明は神略弾性体 5。 5 と 6。 6 及び 4。 4 の相乗効果により胚周囲から大脚節、股間部にか けて身体に無理なくフィットし、着る時は定を通 し弱く、着用中のズレ符ちを防止し、脱く成も姿 にできる特反がある。

また、フェストパンドは酸水性不嫌布などの残水性で過気性の強材を用いるため、おむつ内がムンない上、上配伸随弾性体が伸張状態で設けられているため、伸縮性にすぐれ、体型の大小を問わずよくフィットすると共にその伸縮性からはかせ

更に親水性の姿面シート1とウエストバンドWの疎水性シートを貼合した即分は、要面シートから近れる排泄物のおみによる別れを防止する効果がある。

クエストバンドは熱可塑性合成繊維からなる疎

沢然ゴム、合成ゴム、クレタンゴム等の糸状、平型の伸縮弾性体を、形状を関わず用いることがで、 Poa

第 1 図、第 2 図に示したパンツ型便い捨ておむ つの製造方法の一例を第 7 図により説明する。

ロール状の液体不透過性の関面シート 2 を引出して、連続的に破体3 及び仲精強性体 4 ・ 4 を投替し、次かで液体透過性の表面シート 1 を指望した 1 をおいた 1 を 2 を 3 を 4 を 5 ・ 6 が 5 ・ 6 が 6 が 5 ・ 6 が 6 が 6 が 6 ・ 7 ・ 7 ・ 8 を それ それこつ 折りし、 ウェスト 1 及び 2 の 1 とする。

このおと第8A図に示すように、設固部の質問の加を入れる部分をダイカッターで連続的にくり扱くが、おむつの前後が対称形である場合は図の示のように第7図の選続体を観方向中心線からこつ折りて、ダイカットすればよいが、前期を狭くする場合は二つ折しないで、所望の形状にダイカットして行けばよい。

ダイカットと閉時に、二つ折りしてヒートシー

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ル、両面を有テープ又は底管刷等により接着した 批計部での切断的9より切断して前8日別に示す 本発用のパンツ型使い治でおむつの元成品が好ら れる。

第7回〜第8A回、第8B回に示した本発明の パンツ型使い捨ておむつの製造ラインは、通常の おむつの成方向に沈れるラインと異なり、横方向 に恐れるため次のようなメリットがある。

四個フラップのには 20 mm で 20

第17回は第16回のB~B顧配分拡大断面図で、

型位置の吸収性軽視層 11を厚く中語にして、内部に高吸収性粒状物を配置した例を示す。

本 発明で用いられる 高級 水性 粒状物 は、過常知られる 高吸水性 ポリマー 粒子 単独 成い はこれ に 括性 戻、 カルボキシメチル セルロース、 ゼオライトなどを 進合した 粒状物 を用いる。

本発明の他の実施例を第12回、第13回に示す。 第12回は砂時計型の吸収体3を用い、その暖方向 両端型近例で接する整面シート2の上面に伸縮弾 性体13、13を設けた本発明の別の実施例を示すー 即欠き平面図で、第13回は第12回のA-A離即 分拡大右側断面図である。

このようにクエストバンドの要因のた大国の内 田東用の神経弾性体の代りに、吸収体3の収集の向 当場が近くの裏面シート2上に神経弾性体13、13 を以けることにより、般ギャザー用の神経弾性体 4、4と共に展局間の下側部分と大風が周囲に フィットし、溢れ防止、おむつのズレ類ち防止な どに効果がある。

第14凶は、おむつ本体の長頭シート1の観方向

政水性不羈布14の両端部は裏面シート 2 に接着され、吸収体別に延出された部分は伸張状態で設けられた伸縮弾性体15、15を考を込み、表面シート1 から超間されて、ギャザー立上り部16を形成でしている。第18因は第16回の C ー C 静部分拡 節で大ので、ギャザー立上り部16は展方向の股間のかますが一接着路17により表面シート1 に接着されている。

第17回に示すように少なくとも設問部はは ギャザー立上り部16を設けることにより、 ザー立上り部16を設けることになり、 が表面シート1から強れる排泄物の 神野になり、変に排泄物はあるボケット100により形成されるボケット100になる。 ではないとになる。このためこの変態例ではない エストバトする効果と共に、股間部に半で収り ではいるにより排泄物が直接肌に接触 ではず不快感がないという効果が得られる。

また、銀水性の表面シート1の機方向面側に前記ギャザー立上り前16を含む降水性不緩布14が接

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製、建設されているので、表面シート1からので、表面シート1からので、表面の反り、成いは対象の反り、成いは対象の反り、成いは対象の反対を表現では対象のは、本文語例では異水性不能布を別がは、 のが、 は、本文語例では異水性不能布を別が、 のが、 は、本文語の強水性不能布を別が、 のが、 は、ななないないはないはないできる。 と述ることができる。

#### [ 頬明の効果]

本発明は下記のような効果が得られる。

(イ)おむつ本体の最万向両端部に、別体の過気性 素材からなるウエストバンドを備えているため、 者用両過気性がよく、ムレがない。

上に伸縮弾性体を投けることにより設ギャザー用の伸縮弾性体と共に感の下の部分と大腿部周囲にフィットし、 離れ防止、おむつのズレ塔ち防止などの効果がある。

- (水) 表面シートの観方向両観フラップ部に頭水性 シートを接特、連設することにより、類水性の 表面シートと調水性シートの接点で表面シート からの排泄物のにじみによる強れを防止するこ とができる。

(ロ) 資水性の表面シートの収方向過程型に凝水性 シートからなる ウエストパンドを貼着、選及し た部分で表面シートからの排泄物のにじみによ る別れを防止する効果がある。

また、おむつを被方向に走行させて製造できるため、吸収体の設問邸を中高にして吸収能力を増加させることも可能である。

(ニ) ウエストパンドの下節の仰縮弾性体の代りに、 吸収体の収方向両端型近くで指する褒面シート

> トに収納されるため、挤泄物が直接肌に接触せ ず、不快感がないという効型が得られる。

> また、親水性の表面シートの複方向沟包に延水性シートが接着、選及されているので、表面シートから吸収はに吸収した複状排泄物の遅れを防 或いは表面シートから溢れた排泄物の遅れを防 止する効果を有する。

本発明のパンツ型使い捨ておむつは、上記のように伸縮性と通気性を有し、且つ体型にフィットして、はき心地が良く、特限もし易い、すぐれた性能を有するパンツ型便い捨ておむつである。

#### 4. 図面の簡単な説明

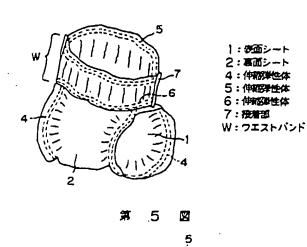
別1 図は、本発明のパンツ製使い格でありのの 完成品の実施級を示す解例図、第2 図のA - A 認為面面図、第3 図は第2 図のA - A 認為面面図 分拡大断面図、第4 図は第2 図のB - B 認知分析 大断面図、第5 図は、カエストパンドの形体を示す す級な図、第6 図は第5 図の別の例を示す概念と、 第7 図、第8 A 図及び第8 B 図は本発明のパソツ 型便い路でおむの別遊ラインを示す平面図、第

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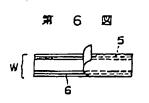
9 関は高強収性粒状を履を吸収体内部に促ける一 例を示す劉規勛、第10回は、延吸収性粒状物の取 布段さを示す風見平函図、第11回は吸収体の中央 即を中苺にした斜紋閉、第12回は伸縮弾性体の設 取位置の支援所を示すパンツ型 使い 拾て おむつの 一郎切欠き届開平面圏、第13図は第12명のB~B 韓郎分拡大断面図、第14回は本発明の他の実施例 を示す一郎切欠き屈肩平面図、第15階は第14階の R - B 韓部分拡大断面図、第16図は本発明の他の 支統例を示す一郎切欠き展開平面園、第17屆は新 16図のB-B韓郎分拡大新面路、第18回は第16図 のC-C韓郎分拡大断面図である。

1 … 裏面シート、 2 … 関面シート、 3 … 吸収体、 4 , 5 , 6 … 伸起弹性体、7 … 接勢郎、8 … 疏水 性シート、9… 切断値、10… ダイカット邸、 11… 吸収性繊維層、12… 吸収性シート、13… 伊箱 弹性体、14… 超水性不履布、15… 仲籍弹性体、 16… ギャザー立上り即、17… ギャザー接種即、 18… ポケット。

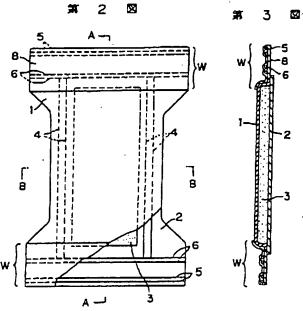
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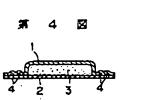


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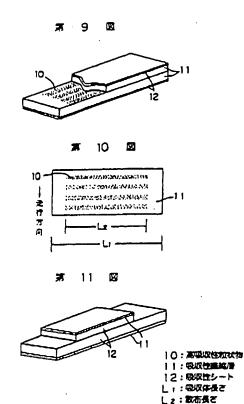


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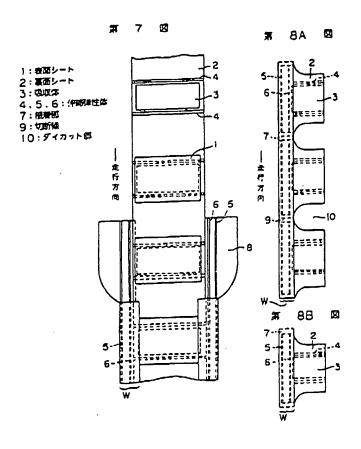


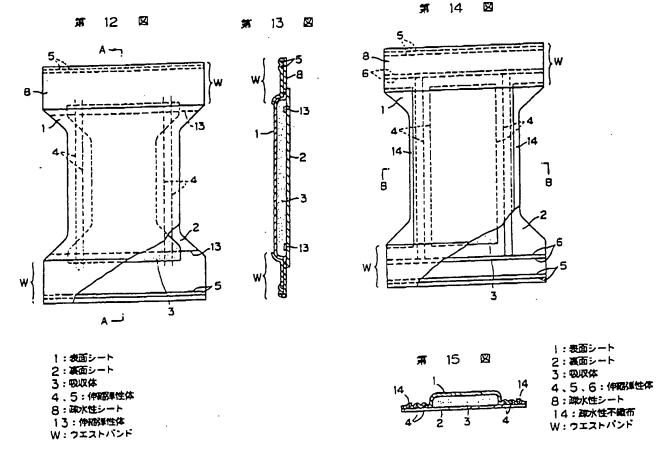


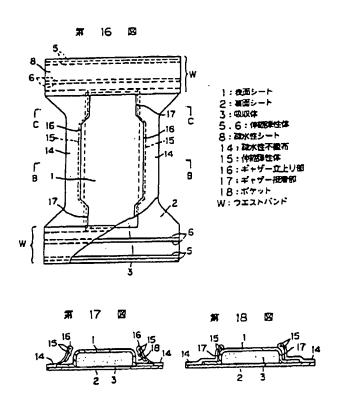




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#### **SPECIFICATION**



Title of the invention:

A ponty type throw-away diaper

#### 2. Claime:

- 1. A panty type throw-away diaper comprising a liquid permeable front sheet, a liquid impermeable back sheet, and an absorbing body and an expandable elastic body which forms crotch gather each arranged between said front and back sheets characterized by that at the longitudinal opposite ends of the diaper body comprising said front sheet, back sheet and absorbing body, there are provided waist bands each formed by a hydrophobic sheet and an expandable elastic body attached under tension to said hydrophobic sheet.
- A diaper as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said waist band comprising said hydrophobic sheet is an expandable non-woven fabric.
- 3. A diaper as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said waist band comprising said hydrophobic sheet is formed by an expandable non-woven fabric and other non-woven fabric or moisture permeable film affixed to said expandable non-woven fabric under its expanded condition.

- 4. A diaper as claimed in any one of Claims 1-3 wherein a plurality of said expandable elastic bodies are attached under tension in the peripheral direction of the waist, and among these expandable elastic bodies at least the one positioned closer to the crotch portion is arranged in close proximity to or across said expandable elastic body which forms crotch gather so as to form T-shaped configuration or a cross with the latter expandable elastic body.
- 5. A diaper as claimed in Claim 1 wherein expandable elastic bodies are provided on said back sheet at the places where the portions of the absorbing body close to its opposite longitudinal end portions contact.
- 6. A disper as claimed in Claim 1 wherein hydrophobic non-woven fabrics are provided on the lateral opposite side flap portions of said front sheet in continuation therefrom.
- 7. A diaper as claimed in Claim 1 wherein separate longitudinally alongate hydrophobic sheets are provided on the lateral opposite side flap portions of said front sheet in continuation therefrom, the sides of said hydrophobic sheets closer to the side portions of said flaps are fixed to said back sheet whereas the sides of said hydrophobic sheets closer to said absorbing body are extended over the front sheet, an expandable elastic body is attached to portion of said

extended portion, and said longitudinally elongate hydrophobic sheets and said front sheet are joined together in the opposite sides of the longitudinal crotch portion in such a way that said portions of said longitudinally elongate hydrophobic sheets as extended toward the absorbing body are separated from the upper surface of the front sheet at least in said crotch portion.

# . Detailed explanation of the invention:

(Field of art)

The present invention relates to a panty type throw-away diaper having an expandability and an air permeability and is comfortable to wear with good fitting to the figure.

(Prior art)

The panty type throw-away dispers have been previously known.

The panty type throw-away diapers are used in the transition period from the use of usual throw-away diapers to the use of repeatedly washable and wearable underpants and also for sick persons or the incontinence of adults.

In Japanese Patent Kokai No. 19246/78, there is proposed a method of cutting one piece non-woven expandable fabric suitable for forming throw-away underpants. In Japanese Patent Kokai No. 77304/82, there is disclosed a method of producing a throw-away diaper brief having an elastic member in the waist portion and of which connecting

portions extending from the opposite side portions of the waist portion to the opening portions being closed without being overlapped. There is disclosed therein also a method of producing such brief comprising a step of adhering expanded continuous elastic member to a back sheet, a step of affixing a pad, a step of placing thereon a front sheet and a step of forming openings, folding along a longitudinal axis, fusing and cutting into individual briefs.

furthermore, in Japanese Patent Kokai No. 207605/86 there is proposed a throw-away panty comprising expandable means around the waist opening and the leg openings and an outer cover formed by an inner layer of liquid impermeable plastic material and an outer layer of non-woven fiber material. Still further, in Japanese Patent Kokai No. 21802/87, there is disclosed a throw-away absorptive panty in which the panty body is folded back about the crotch portion and the opposite side edges are joined together, the crotch portion of an absorptive core is formed narrower and expandable members of a waist band and of a pair of leg holes are adhered under expanded condition.

(The problems to be solved by the invention)

The conventional panty type throw-away diapers have drawbacks that the air permeability is low and inside the ponty is stuffy which together with the excrements presents uncomfortableness to wearers when securing tapes are provided to close the front and back side edges or when the side edges are joined together by means of an adhesive.

furthermore, though the expandable members are provided in the waist band, femur portion and crotch portion for the better fitting to the figure, there has been proposed no panty type throw-away diaper prevented from leakage of the excrements and having good fitness to the body as well as easiness of putting-on/off.

The present invention was made in order to eliminate the above described problems of the prior arts and it is an object of the present invention to provide at low cost a panty type throw-away diaper eliminating the need for securing tapes, having an improved air permeability, enough expandability providing good fitness to the figure and good wearing comfortableness and easiness of putting-on/off.

The inventors of this application devoted deep study on said problems of the prior arts and eventually completed the present invention upon finding that said problems are overcome by forming the waist band by attaching an expandable elastic body to a separate sheet of a different material and providing such sheets at the longitudinal opposite ends of the diaper body contrary to the conventional diaper in which the waist band was formed by providing expandable elastic bodies at the longitudinal opposite ands of the diaper body.

(Measure to solve the problem)

According to the present invention there is provided a panty type throw-away disper comprising a liquid permeable front sheet, a liquid impermeable back sheet, and

an absorbing body and an expandable elastic body which forms crotch gather each arranged between said front and back sheets characterized by that at the longitudinal opposite ends of the diaper body comprising said front sheet, back sheet and absorbing body, there are provided waist bands each formed by a hydrophobic sheet and an expandable elastic body attached under tension to said hydrophobic sheet.

The present invention provides a panty type thowaway diaper in which said waist band comprising said hydrophobic sheet is an expandable non-woven fabric.

The present invention provides a panty type throwaway diaper in which said waist band comprising said hydrophobic abset is formed by an expandable non-woven fabric and other non-woven fabric or moisture permeable film affixed to said expandable non-woven fabric under its expanded condition.

The present invention provides a panty type throwaway diaper in which a plurality of said expandable elastic
bodies are attached under tension in the peripheral
direction of the waist and among these expandable elastic
bodies at least the one positioned closer to the crotch
portion is arranged in close proximity to or acrose said
expandable elastic body which forms crotch gather so as to
form T-shaped configuration or a cross with the latter
expandable elastic body.

The present invention provides a panty type throwaway diaper in which expandable elastic bodies are provided accommodating the incontinences of infants and adults or for sick persons.

In the present invention, the term "waist bands" refers to air permeable hydrophobic sheets separate from the diaper body consisting of a three-layered laminate comprising a front sheet, an absorbing body and a back sheet and attached to the longitudinal opposite ends (opposite ends in the direction passing through the abdominal portion, crotch portion and waist portion) of said diaper body (refer to the member w in Fig. 1), contrary to the waist band which is formed by attaching under tension expandable elastic bodies to the longitudinal opposite ends of the diaper body as was conventionally usual.

Such waist band has not been proposed by any prior art including those quoted above.

The panty type throw-away diaper is characterized by that among a plurality of expandable elastic bodies of the waist band at least the one positioned closer to the crotch portion is arranged in close proximity to or across said expandable elastic body which forms crotch gather so as to form T-shaped configuration or a cross with the latter expandable elastic body.

In the conventional panty type throw-away diapers, the crotch gathers are mostly formed, as seen in the above quoted prior arts, by providing expandable elastic bodies around the openings through which legs are passed or inserted and these expandable elastic bodies are arranged

in parallel with the expandable elastic body of the waist band portion. Furthermore, there has been also proposed a diaper in which the expandable elastic bodies are provided at the opposite sides of the crotch portion. Though such expandable elastic bodies are arranged at right angles to the expandable elastic body of the waist band, they are short and their opposite and are considerably spaced apart from the expandable elastic body of the waist band so that the construction of such conventional diaper is different from that of the present invention in that both of the expandable elastic bodies are largely spaced apart in the former. Conventionally, there has been also proposed a panty type throw-away diaper in which a curved expandable elastic body is provided from the femur portion to the abdominal portion.

In the panty type throw-away diaper according to the present inventon, as an auxiliary means for tightening the femur portion, it is possible to decrease the number of the expandable elastic bodies of the waist portions and to provide, instead thereof, expandable elastic bodies on the back sheet at the places where the portions of the absorbing body close to its longitudinal opposite end portions contact.

Furthermore it is possible to provide longitudinally elongate hydrophobic non-woven fabrics on the lateral opposite side flap portions of the front sheet in continuation therefrom.

Still further, it is possible to provide separate

longitudinally elongate hydrophobic sheets on the lateral opposite side flap portions of said front sheet in continuation therefrom, to fix the sides of said hydrophobic sheets closer to the side portions of said flaps to said back sheet and to extend the remaining portions over the front sheet toward the absorbing body sides, and to join together said longitudinally elongate hydrophobic sheets and raid front sheet in the opposite sides of the longitudinal crotch portion in such a way that said longitudinally elongate hydrophobic sheets are separated from the upper surface of the front sheet at least in the crotch portion. The hydrophobic sheet may be joined to the front sheet in other portions than the longitudinal crotch portion or in parts in the opposite portions between which the longitudinal crotch portion is positioned.

#### (Embodiments)

An embodiment of the present invention will now be described.

panty type throw-away diaper according to the present invention. Waist bands we which are separate or independent from a diaper body consisting of a front sheet 1 which contacts with human body. A built-in absorbing body 3 and a back sheet 2 and constituting a characteristic feature of the present invention are secured to the longitudinal opposite ends of the diaper body. An expandable elastic body 5 for waist gather is provided along the upper waist

portion of the waist band  $\underline{w}$  and another expandable elastic body 6 for gather for the waist and femur portions is provided in the lower portion. The opposite sides of the waist bands  $\underline{w}$  are formed as joining portions 7 to form a panty or drawer. Inside the lateral opposite end portions of the front and back sheets 1 and 2 contacting with the periphery of the femur region, there are provided expandable elastic bodies 4 for gather.

Fig. 2 is a developed plan view of the completed panty type throw-away disper of Fig. 1 having its lower portion being broken away to show the inside.

The expandable clastic bodies 4. 4 for forming crotch gathers are adhered in the expanded condition between the front and back sheets 1 and 2. Contrary to the conventional panty type throw-away diapers, the opposite ends of the elastic bodies 4. 4 are extended to and form I-configuration with the expandable elastic bodies 6, 6 of the waist bands W. W closer to the absorbing body 3 which form gathers around the waist and femur regions. The elastic bodies 4, 4 may be arranged in close proximity to the inside one of the elastic bodies 6, 6 or may extend across it in the cross configuration.

With this arrangement, the waist portion fits well by the expandable elastic bodies 5, 5 of the waist bands  $\underline{W}$  and the expandable elastic bodies 6, 6 for the gather around the waist and femur regions are effective to impart fitness to the portions which are not given fitness by the crotch gather elastic body 4, 4.

With the combined effects of the elastic bodies 5.5. 6.6 and 4.4, there are brought about advantages that the diaper of the present invention naturally fits to the human body in the region extending from the waist region to femur and crotch regions, that the legs can be easily passed through the diaper when it is worn, that the alipping down of the diaper during it is worn is prevented and that the diaper can be easily taken off when it is removed.

Purthermore, inside of the diaper does not become stuffy because hydrophobic and air permeable material such as a hydrophobic non-woven fabric is used for the waist band, the expandability is superior because the expandable elastic bodies are attached under expanded condition, the fitness is superior regardless of the sized of the human bodies and the diaper can be worn easily because of its expandability.

Furthermore, the joining portions between the hydrophilic front sheet 1 and the hydrophobic sheet of the waist portions are effective to prevent leakage of the excrements flowing from the front sheet by permeation.

For the waist band, a use can be made of a hydrophobic non-woven fabric of thermoplastic synthetic fibers. an expandable non-woven fabric of urethans fibers or the like or a hydrophobic sheet formed by affixing an expandable non-woven fabric under tensioned or expanded condition to a usual non-woven fabric. Otherwise, an expandable non-woven fabric such as an urethane non-woven

fabric may be affixed under expanded condition between hydrophobic non-woven fabrics.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged cross-sectional view of the panty type throw-away diaper along the line A-A of Fig. 2. As seen in Fig. 3, each waist band w is formed by folding double a hydrophobic sheet 8 which is separate from the front and back sheets 1 and 2 and adhering the expandable elastic bodies 5 and 6 inside the folded sheet 8. The lower and and upper and of the hydrophobic sheet 8 is adhered to the back sheet 2 and the front sheet 1, respectively.

The waist band may be folded double as shown in Fig. 3 (i.e. as schematically shown in Fig. 5) or two hydrophobic sheets may be overlapped each other with the expandable elastic bodies 5 and 6 being interposed therebetween.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged cross-sectional view of the diaper along the line B-B of Fig. 2, showing the positions of the elastic bodies 4, 4.

In the illustrated embodiment, though a rubber thread is used as the expandable elastic body, a use can be made of also a thread-shaped or flat expandable elastic body of natural rubber, synthetic rubber or urethane rubber without being limited to a particular shape.

A method of producing the panty type throw-away diaper shown in Figs. 1 and 2 will now be described with referring to Fig. 7

A liquid impermable back sheat 2 wound in a roll is pulled-out and the absorbing bodies 3 and the expandable

elastic bodies 4. 4 are sequentially adhered on the pulled-out back sheet 2 and then after having adhered the liquid permeable front sheets 1, the hydrophobic sheets 8, 8 on which the expandable elastic bodies 5 and 6 have been adhered are folded double and adhered on the front sheet 1 and back sheet 2 from the upper and lower sides to form the waist bands  $\underline{\mathbf{W}}$ .

Thereafter, the portions on the opposite sides of the crotch portion where the legs are inserted or passed through are sequentially cut eway by die cutters as shown in Fig. 8A. However, when the front and back sides are symmetrical, the continuous body shown in Fig. 7 may be folded double about the longitudinal center line and cut by a die cutter. When the front side is narrower, the continuous body is to be cut in a desired shape without folding double.

Completed diapers shown in Fig. 8B are obtained by cutting along cutting lines the joining portions 7 formed by folding double and adhering by means of heat seals, adhesive double coated types or adhesives simultaneously with the die cutting.

The line for producing the panty type throw-away diaper according to the present invention as shown in Figs. 7, 8A and 88 brings about the following advantages because it runs laterally contrary to the conventional longitudinal run.

In order to enhance absorptivity, it was conventional to place a layer of highly water absorptive

polymer particles 10 inside the absorbing body as shown in In the longitudinal producing line of diapers, however, the highly water absorptive polymer particles were continuously dispersed in the longitudinal direction so that it was difficult to disperse concentratedly to the crotch in the central portions corresponding to the excremental position. In the present possible to invention, however. it ìs concentratedly to the central portion because the diapers are mvoed laterally. Furthermore, as shown in Fig. 10, the length L, through which the disperse is carried out (in the direction passing through the obdominal portion and the waist portion) may be any length and may be in any position relative to the length L, of the absorbing body. Fig. 11 shows an embodiment in which the absorptive fiber layer ll is made higher in the excremental position and the highly water absorptive particles are placed therein.

The highly water absorptive particles used in the present invention may be highly water absorptive polymer particles alone or other particle aggregation comprising a mixture of the highly water absorptive polymer particles and activated carbon, carboxymethylcellulose or zeolite.

shown in Figs. 12 and 13. In the embodiment of Fig. 12 which shows the embodiment in a plan view with a part being broken away, a used is made of a sandglass-shaped absorbing body 3 and expandable elastic bodies 13, 13 are provided on the upper surface of the back sheet 2 at the places where

the portions of the absorbing body close to its longitudinal opposite end portions contact. Fig. 13 is a cross-sectional view taken along the line A-A of Fig. 12.

By arranging the expandable clastic bodies 13, 13 on the back sheet 2 hear the longitudinal opposite end portions of the absorbing body 3 instead of the expandable clastic bodies of the waist bands for the waist and famur portions, there are brought about advantages that good fitness is provided around the lower portion of the waist region and around the femur region, leakage is prevented and slipping down of the diaper is prevented.

Fig. 14 is a partially broken away developed plan view of an embodiment in which hydrophobic sheets 14 are affixed on the lateral opposite side flap portions of the front sheet 1 of the diaper body in continuation therefrom and Fig. 15 is an enlarged cross-sectional view teken along the line B-B of Fig. 14. By providing by adhesion the hydrophobic sheets 14 on the lateral flap portions of the front sheet in continuation therefrom, leakage of the excrements by the permeation is prevented by the joining portion between the hydrophilic front sheet 1 and the hydrophobic sheets 14. contributing to prevention of leakage of the excrements. For such hydrophobic sheet, a use can be made of a hydrophobic non-woven fabric used in the waist bands or a sheet consisting of a hydrophobic nonwoven fabric and a moisture permeable film affixed together.

Fig. 16 is a partially broken away plan view of a

still further embodiment of the panty type throw-away diaper according to the present invention in which hydrophobic non-woven fabrics 14 are affixed to the lateral apposite side portions of the front sheet 1 continuously therefrom and the apposite end portions of the fabrics 14 are adhered to the back sheet 2 and the portions of the fabrics 14 closer to the absorbing body are adhered to the front sheet 1 in the portions on the apposite sides of the crotch portion so that the fabrics 14 are separated from the upper surface of the front sheet 1 at least in the crotch portion.

Fig. 17 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken along the line B-B of Fig. 16. The opposite and portions of the hydrophobic non-woven fabrics 14 are adhered to the back sheet 2 and the portions extended over the absorbing body wrap in the expandable elastic bodies 15, 15 arranged under expanded condition and are separated from the front sheet 1 to form gathered arising or standing portions 16.

16. Fig. 18 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken along the line C-C of Fig. 16. As shown therein the gathered standing portions 16 are adhered to the front sheet 1 by means of gather adhering portions 17 at the in the portions on the opposite sides of the crotch portion.

By forming gathered standing portion 16 at least in the crotch portion, this portion functions as a barrier for the excrements flowing from the front sheet 1 and the excrements are accommodated in a pocket 18 formed by the front sheet 1 and the gathered standing portion 16. Thus,

this embodiment brings about advantages that it provides good fitness to the human body by means of the valist bands <u>W</u> and the expandable elastic bodies 5 and 6 and that the direct contact of the excrements with the human body is prevented by means of the gathered standing portions 16 formed in the crotch portion, avoiding uncomfortable feeling.

Furtheremore, there are brought about advantages that returning of the liquid excrements absorbed in the absorbing body 3 through the front sheet 1 and leakage of the excrements overflowing from the front sheet are prevented. Though the hydrophobic non-wovan fabric is used in this ambodiment, a use can be made of also a volatile-treated hydrophobic non-wovan fabric or a sheet consisting of a hydrophobic non-wovan fabric and a moisture permeable film affixed together.

(Advantages brought about by the invention)

According to the present invention, the following advantages are brought about.

(a) Air permeability is good and stuffiness is less because separate waist bands formed by air permeable material are provided at the longitudinal opposite end portions of a disper body.

Furthermore, since a plurality of expandable elastic bodies are provided in the upper and lower portions of the waist bands under the expanded condition, the diaper well fits around the waist and since the lower expandable elastic body functions simultaneously also for the femur

region so that by the effect combined with the expandable elastic body around the femur region, each opening becomes expandable, providing good fitness to the human body, easiness of insertion of the legs, prevention of slipping down of the diaper during when it is worn and easiness of putting-off.

- (b) The leakage of the excrements due to permeation from the front sheet is prevented by the portions where the waist bands formed by hydrophobic sheet are connected to the longitudinal opposite end portions of the hydrophilic front sheet in continuation therefrom.
- casily at a low cost bacause by making the producing line to run laterally of the dispers for continuous production of the same, it becomes easier to place and assemble the back sheet, absorbing body, front sheet and waist bands and to adhere the joining portions and to die cut the crotch portion. Furthermore, since the producing line runs laterally of the dispers, it becomes possible to adjust distribution of highly water absorptive particles in the absorbing body in the lateral direction to the disper and to disperse the highly water absorptive particles concentratedly to the central portion of the crotch portion.

Furthermore, the diapers are moved laterally during producing, the central portion of the absorbing body may be made thicker to increase absorbing capacity.

- (d) By providing, instead of the lower expandable elastic bodies of the waist bands, expandable elastic bodies on the back sheet at the places where the portions of the absorbing body close to its longitudinal opposite end portions contact, there are brought about advantages that in cooperation with the expandable elastic bodies for the crotch gather a good fitness is provided around the lower portion of the waist region and femur, that the leakage is prevented and that slipping down of the diaper is prevented.
- (e) By adhering, hydrophobic non-woven fabrics on the lateral oppsite side flap portions continuously therefrom, leakage of the excrements by permeation from the front sheet is prevented by means of the joining portion between the hydrophilic front sheet and hydrophobic sheet.
- opposite side flap portions of the front sheet continuously therefrom and securing on the back sheet the portions of the hydrophobic sheets closer to the flap ends whereas attaching expandable elastic bodies under the expanded condition to a portion of said hydrophobic sheets extended over the absorbing body and by joining together the hydrophobic sheet and the front sheet on the opposite sides of the longitudinal crotch portion, there are formed gathered standing portions in the hydrophobic sheets in the crotch portion acting as barriers for the excrements overflowing from the front sheet and the excrements are accommodated in the pockets formed by the front sheet and

said gathered standing portions so that the excrements are prevented from direct contact with the human body and uncomfortableness is obviated.

Furtheremore, since the hydrophobic sheets are adhered continuously with the lateral side portions of the front sheet, raturning of liquid excrements once absorbed by the absorbing body and leaking of the excrements overflowing from the front sheet are prevented.

As described above, the panty type throw-away diaper is superior, having expandability, air permeability, good weaking comfortableness and easiness of putting-on/off.

4. Brief explanation of the invention.

Fig. 1 shows in a perspective view a completed panty type throw-sway diaper according to the present invention,

Fig. 2 is a developed plan view of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken along the line A-A of Fig. 2,

Fig. 4 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken along the line B-B of Fig. 2.

Fig. 5 is a schematical view of a waist band,

Fig. 6 is a schematical view of another waist band different from the one of Fig. 5.

Figs. 7. 8A and 88 are plan views showing a production line of the panty type throw-away disper according to the present invention.

rig. 9 is a perspective view of an absorbing body showing highly absorptive particles placed in the absorbing body.

Fig. 10 is a plan view of the absorbing body showing the distance over which the highly absorptive particles are dispersed.

Fig. 11 is a perspective view of an absorbing body in which the central portion is made thicker,

rig. 12 is a partially broken away developed plan view of a panty type throw-away diaper showing another manner of arrangement of expandable elastic bodies.

Fig. 13 is a cross-sectional view taken along the line B-B of Fig. 12.

Fig. 14 is a partially broken away developmed plan view of another embodiment of the present invention.

Fig. 15 is an enlarged cross-sectional view along the line B-B of Fig. 14.

Fig. 16 is a partially broken away developed plan view of another embodiment of the present invention,

Fig. 17 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken along the line B-B of Fig. 16, and

Fig. 18 is an enlarged cross-sectional view along the line C-C of Fig. 16.

In the drawings.

1 ... front sheet

2 ... back sheet

1 ... absorbing body .

4.5,6 ... expandable elastic body

7 ... joining portion

- 8 ... hydrophobic sheet
- 9 ... cutting line
- 10 ... die cut portion
- 11 ... absorptive fiber layer
- 12 ... absorptive sheet
- 13 ... expandable elastic body
- 14 ... hydrophobic non-woven fabric
- 15 ... expandable elastic body
- 16 ... gathered standing portion
- 17 ... gather adhering portion
- . 18 ... pocket